

REMARKS

Examination of the present continuation application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is respectfully requested.

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/043,224 (the "parent application"), filed on January 14, 2002. In the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application.

The Examiner should note that the present application includes original claims 1-3, 6 and 12, as well as new claims 13 and 14, which correspond generally to claims 13 and 17 added in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated on September 13, 2002 in the parent application. These claims were rejected and subsequently cancelled in response to the Examiner's Final Rejection on May 5, 2003 in the parent application.

The Examiner should note that claim 1 and new claim 13 in their present form are now clearly distinguishable from Haupt et al. (WO00/70922), which was cited in the parent application. Specifically in Haupt et al., a side stay 10 is attached to a case and includes a bent portion as shown in Fig. 1. However, the bent portion is parallel to the bottom plane of the case and not perpendicular to the bottom plane.

In the present invention, the bent portion recited in claims 1 and 13 (See, for example, bent portion 35 in Fig. 1) forms a certain angle (e.g. right angle) with respect to the bottom plane of the case.

Please also note that claim 15 has been added to recite the bottom plate of the electronic control unit in more detail.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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